

Song of the Rose

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Now on the meadow green,
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At the Fall of the CURTAIN

BY DAVID I. HILL

Darlington stood waiting at the windows of the fine old house across the avenue, wondering if Alice were not standing at one of them. Alice and he had been everything to each other before. He had married away to the strains of "The Girl I Left Behind Me," happy in the faith that she would wait for him until, having served his country well, he should return and with her himself a name and fortune which she would be proud to share. But it was all over with now, he reflected bitterly. The dream was ended, and he felt that he had poured out the treasures of his heart before an empty shrine. He had been a very paragon of constancy, but somehow she had lost faith in him. Influenced probably by mercenary motives, she had betrayed herself to a disreputable political agitator old enough to be her father on the very eve of Darlington's return from two years of fighting in the Philippines. The society columns of a newspaper which he had read that morning at breakfast had furnished this fragmentary outline, and his imagination had rounded it into a sinister, terrifying completeness.

How Darlington sat through with the realities of the black hours that followed he never knew. He felt like a man about to be shot from the gibbet into eternity. It seemed to him as though the world held nothing new but despair and misery. He seemed to feel faith in everything human and divine slipping away from him. But calm reflection caused a revulsion of feeling and a measure restored his faith in Alice. He tried to feel that the light in which he had been led to regard her was a false one. Probably the influence brought to bear upon her had been more powerful than he could estimate. Her father might have coerced her into the betrothal. If he had, Darlington told himself grimly, there would be a strenuous day of reckoning for the father on the morrow. He had fought against the impulse to see her again, but now even fate had drawn him almost to the threshold of her home. Now, as he stood there, a cab drew up before the house and a man came out. He carried himself pompously and looked over his shoulder and looked back at Alice's face as she beheld him. He closed his eyes to the scene. He felt that if he watched the little tragedy being enacted in the opposite box for a moment longer he should do something desperate.

He was aroused from his lethargy by the sound of voices in the box behind him. A man was speaking: "You are still on the Mercury, Charles?" "Yes," replied a cheerful boyish voice; "but I guess I'm booked for an envelope to-morrow. I do society, you know. Last night I was sent up to interview Senator Stanton concerning his reported engagement with one of the Misses Bradford. He admitted that the report was true, and the Mercury got a lead on the story. The 'Old Man' put his this morning. I suppose I'll get mine to-morrow."

"How's that?" asked the man, while Darlington strained his ears to catch the balance of the conversation, his heart beating madly in his breast. "Stanton told me he was engaged to Amy Bradford, while I met the business man, and reported him betrothed to Alice, her sister."

The words were almost inaudible, but they fell upon Darlington's ear like a benediction from heaven. The climax on the stage was approaching, but Darlington had no eyes for the players. Then, as the curtain fell, Alice looked around and recognized him with her heart in her eyes.

Paul Kruger's Property. Among the articles of "movable property" left by President Kruger when he died were inventoried: One bottle of snuff, one tall silk hat, one black cane, various pocket books, a large Bible, six smaller Bibles, eight blank decorations, a purse containing one Transvaal sovereign, one Transvaal half sovereign, one Transvaal shilling, and one straw hat.

Machinery for Spain. During the first nine months of 1904 Spain imported nearly \$6,000,000 worth of machinery, chiefly from Germany and Great Britain.



BASE BALL

American League Notes.
Pitcher Newcomb Olson last week sent in his signed contract with Boston. It is for two years.
"Dusty" Rhoades carried off the batting honors for the Cleveland pitchers and wins the prizes offered by President Killebrew.
Detroit is looking for a deal for Pitcher Frank Kline. It takes Kline time to get into condition to suit the Michiganans.

President Taylor of Boston has officially notified "Duke" Freeman that he has not been, and will not be, traded to St. Louis for Jesse Burkett.
"Jase" Bushong will return to the Chicago Americans next season, now that he has failed to land the berth as manager of the Springfield (O.) team.
Pitcher "Jack" Powell, who makes his home in St. Louis, was less than two years ago manager and pitcher for the "Baltimore" team, manager of Youngstown.

George M. Hill, who says that the spit ball is an essential delivery, that he had to abandon it because it hurt his arm at the elbow. After discarding the same the summer vanished.
It is expected that Oliver Frank Farrell of the New York Americans will soon issue a challenge to President Bush of the New York Nationals for a spring series between the two Gotham teams.

Treasurer Farrell of New York says: "Washington can be made a worthy center with a good team. Why, last year, even finishing a tall order, the club made \$10,000 on the season. I think Washington is a better major league town than Baltimore."

"The" Weir, the "Belfast" rider, has been engaged by the Boston Americans as a trainer for the season.

Manager Knott of Dayton, has signed "Doc" Heston, who was the Vermont premier twice in 1902.

The Fort Wayne Club has signed second baseman Charles H. Whitner, a native, having from Lafayette, Ind.

Best Dennis, who is to manage the Grand Rapids team, is laying lines in Columbus by which he expects to win some players.

Best Dennis, with Fort Wayne two seasons, will be captain of Grand Rapids, and Louis Hollmerer, again will manage the Furniture Makers.

William Dillinger, who made a hit



FREDERICK CLARK
Manager-Outfielder of the Pittsburgh (N. L.) Club.

of 1902. Weir was at one time the champion featherweight of the country. Weir will start south with the team in March and will remain with them all season.

American Association Affairs.
The Minneapolis club has decided upon Chapman, Ill., as its spring training place.

Manager Mike Flan has decided to take his Toledo team to Patuxent, Ky., for spring training.

Catcher Benjie Pierce of the St. Paul team, has been elected coach of the Wisconsin Varsity baseball team.

If Thomas J. Bryce of Columbia, had succeeded in purchasing the Toledo club, he would have secured W. A. Armour as manager.

The new umpire signed by President Grillo, Stephen Kane of Louisville, was the star umpire of the Central League last season.

Excellent stock has already been taken by St. Paul men in connection with the formation of the syndicate which will let George Leonard pass on.

There is a contest on between Minneapolis, St. Paul and Milwaukee over players Charlie Jones and Pitcher Hagie. Manager Watkins claims Hagie from St. Paul through a previous claim and Milwaukee claims Jones in the same manner. However, there will be no revolution over the matter.

National League News.
Jake Beckley is holding out for a \$25,000 salary or better.

Pitcher Overall of Tacoma, has accepted the Cincinnati club's terms. Phelps' acquisition by Cincinnati forebodes the release of Catcher Charley Stired.

Ex-President N. E. Young's Christmas present from the National League was a \$500 check.

Barney DePue has made Pitcher Harry Breasler of Williamsport, an

THE WORLD OF SPORTS

AMERICA'S CHAMPIONS OF 1904.

- Athletics.....T. F. Kinsley
Automobile.....Barney Oldfield
Baseball.....Martin Kene
Boxing.....James J. Jeffries
Billiards.....J. Ferdinand Poggenberg
Chess.....Frank Marshall
Cycling (amateur).....Frank L. Kramer
Cycling (professional).....Marcus Hurley
Golf (professional).....Willie Anderson
Golf (amateur).....H. Chandler Egan
Golf (women).....Miss Georgiana Bishop
Jockey.....Eugene Hildebrand
Skating.....Richard Berglund
Skating (professional).....John Nilsen
Skating (amateur).....Maurice Wood
Tennis.....Helen Wills
Tennis (women).....Miss May Suttan
Trap Shooting.....Fred Gilbert

Rose Breaks World's Record.
Ralph W. Rose, the young California strong man, who has held the attention of the athletic world for a couple of years, made a sensational New York debut Dec. 31, at the gymnasium of the Pastime Athletic club, held at Madison Square garden.

It was expected that the University of Michigan student would make a record of 22 feet 11 inches for putting the twenty-four pound shot.

When Rose was introduced he received an ovation from the 5,000 spectators that filled the garden. He responded by throwing the shot 27 feet 8 1/2 inches, with apparent ease, breaking all outdoor and indoor records.

A few minutes later the young giant weighed this effort by putting the shot 28 feet 2 1/2 inches, making a new world's record. Dick Shelton, the old Yale football player, competed against Rose and put the shot 30 feet 1 1/2 inches, also setting Gray's record.

Ryan Anxious to Fight.
The challenge issued by Philadelphian Jack O'Brien before he sailed for the West Indies that he would fight any man in the world for a side bet of \$5,000 and the middle-weight championship of the world has been accepted by Tommy Ryan, a claimant to that title.

Ryan says that he is ready at any time to make a match with O'Brien, and will bet him \$5,000 that he will beat him in a fifteen or twenty minute round bout before the club in San Francisco that will offer the largest purse.

Ryan wants the fight to be decided within three months, as he claims he needs that much time in which to train for such an important battle.

As O'Brien is anxious to fight Ryan, the indications are that he will give Ryan the preference over Bob Fitzsimmons, who has also challenged him.

Famous Old Pacer Dead.
Wine Dick, the famous old pacer horse owned by Robert L. Cook at near Philadelphia, W. Va., is dead. It is asserted by some persons that the horse was 42 years old, but he was believed to be only thirty-six years and it is pretty certain that he was at least of that age.

A quarter of a century ago Wine Dick was a famous pacer. He was best known on the south-east circuit, but he had been on race tracks all through the north and west. It is said that his best record was made at New Orleans, where he paced a half mile in 1:09.

Jockey Nicol.
Jockey Nicol, who led the riders at the Chicago tracks last spring, summer and autumn, has come forward again at New Orleans and promises to duplicate his feat during the winter season.

At Chicago Nicol was in competition with a rather mediocre line of riders, but in the south he is matched with some of the best jockeys in the East and his race for supremacy is proportionately harder. He is practically a new comer, as his apprenticeship expired only last August.

Billings Has Costly Wring.
C. K. G. Billings is making arrangements for a number of exhibition races to be played during the training season, which will probably begin about March 25.

Bob Caruthers will probably be the only one of last year's Western league umpires to hold his place next season. Caruthers was the most successful member of President Weston's staff last summer and as he desires the place next year, it will probably be given to him.

Western Winnings.
Manager Russell of Omaha has completed his pitching corps by registering Jacob Finner.

It is reported that Manager Tom Fleming of the St. Paul City team will next season handle the St. Joseph team.

News from the Moines says that Claude Rossman, the big outfielder being by Cleveland, has been secured for Canton's Western league club. He ought to make good in that company.

Western Football Players Honored.
Two Western players, Dickson of Chicago and Heaton of Michigan, are on Walter Camp's All American eleven, which is announced in Collier's. This is the greatest tribute Western football ever received from the leader of the game.

Only twice before have Western players been accorded this honor. Heaton was Mr. Camp's selection for half back last year, while Hershberger of Chicago made the full back position in 1895.

Will Row at Henley.
John J. F. Mulvaney and William M. Verley, the champion double scull crew of America, announce that they will compete in the Henley regatta in England next July.

Verley and Mulvaney are very fast, their victory in August in the championship race at St. Louis being one of the finest amateur events in years.

Plans for the trip include a new American shell and an English-built boat.

Will Play for Triple Trophy.
Arrangements for another cabin chess match with O'Brien and Chamberlain for the Isaac L. Rice international trophy have been practically completed. Chairman G. W. Tucker, Jr., of the international intercollegiate cable chess match. The dates suggested are Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22. The trophy is held by the Englishman, who have won three matches out of five.

Duffy Leaves England.
Arthur F. Duffy, the American sprinter, arrived at London Dec. 31, but in time to catch the steamer Olin, on which, in company with Alfred Brown, the English runner of the Boston London Harriers, he will sail to Australia, where they will participate in the principal sports of the season. Duffy's first race will be at Melbourne Feb. 21.



Sam is the American bred Tilly Brown, by Barker, son of Rynold's Hambletonian.

Vanderbilt Secures Dickson.
John H. McDonald has secured a contract on a western rider, Dickson, who presumably will ride for W. K. Vanderbilt in France next year. He has been riding at St. Louis, and was signed by Judge Joseph A. Murphy, acting for Mr. McDonald. Dickson was apprenticed to Clint Dornell, who has gained some fame as a developer of jockeys. He will probably ride at New Orleans until time in respect to his new employer. He still is entitled to the apprentice allowance.

Britt Wants White.
"I cannot say whether I will accept Willie Lewis' offer for a match," said Champion Britt. "Just now I am in hopes that my next match will be with James White. To meet White in the ring I would forget many considerations. At any rate, I shall await more definite details of Lewis' challenge before making up my mind."

"As long as I am in the fighting game, however, I will not be dodging any matches. Just now the only question is which one will be the most advantageous to myself."

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